



EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 07/30/15

Meeting Minutes

FSAG members attended: James Sams and Lee Griffen

EPCPH staff members: Michelle Martinez

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Lee	Welcome	Lee Griffen, Retail Food Program Manager- EHD, welcoming comments
Lee	Mobile unit/farmer's markets/ temp events	Continued discussion from April, 23 meeting. Illegal (unlicensed) vendors selling food out of mobile units, at farmer's markets, and at temporary events were discussed. Discussion was concerning the need to re-implement Environmental Health Specialists inspections/verifications at these types of events to assure that all vendors are licensed, as well as mobile units selling food only in the evenings and on weekends. EHS's would have to work overtime or flex hours in order to achieve this. A concern regarding budget constraints was discussed. It is anticipated that this will be formalized by January 1, 2016. An email will be sent to FSAG members asking for a "yes" or "no" vote in this matter, as well as ideas for this effort.
Lee	Risk Based inspection frequency update	Risk based inspection frequency was implemented on May 4, 2015. The data system (Envision Connect) will determine the inspection frequency for each RFE, which will be 1, 2 or 4 times per year. An email will be sent to FSAG members to see how all is going since this implementation.
Group	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) News	A stakeholders meeting was held to discuss fee increases. The next board meeting will be held August 20, 2015.
Lee	Other Items:	James Sams discussed the violation regarding the re-use of single-use containers for the storage of food. Single-use containers are not meant to be re-used – commercial food grade containers are to be used for food storage. James Sams also discussed an issue with a bar lacking a handwashing sink. The facility was not required to add a handsink. One compartment of the existing 4-compartment sink will be used as a designated handsink, with a splash guard on either side of the sink.
	MEETING ADJOURNED	10:00 am

SCHEDULE FOR 2015 MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: October 22, 2015

FSAG Purpose Statement:

- Allow for good communication between Food Industry and Public Health.
- Encourage healthy feedback on customer service, policies and regulations.
- Work together to improve El Paso County's Food Safety Program using current science, technology and through educational opportunities.
- Work together to prevent food borne illness in our community.